

**SENATE, No. 907**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**219th LEGISLATURE**

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**Sponsored by:**  
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**District 9 (Atlantic, Burlington and Ocean)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Authorizes municipal dredging of lagoon community waterways and levying of special assessment or issuing of bonds to finance such dredging.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



1   **AN ACT** concerning municipal assessments for dredging of certain  
2       community waterways and supplementing Title 12 and Title 40  
3       of the Revised Statutes.

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5       **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
6       *of New Jersey:*

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8       1.   A municipality in which a lagoon community is located may  
9       contract with a person properly certified, licensed, or otherwise  
10      authorized to dredge waterways or properly dispose of dredged  
11      material to dredge the waterways servicing the lagoon community,  
12      whether manmade or naturally occurring, for the purpose of  
13      maintaining transportation by boat into, out of, and throughout the  
14      lagoon community.   The dredging may be restorative or  
15      maintenance dredging, or both.  For the purposes of this section,  
16      "lagoon community" means any residential development in a  
17      coastal municipality where the waterways function as streets and  
18      provide access to, from and throughout the development via boat.

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20      2.   Any municipality that contracts with a person properly  
21      certified, licensed, or otherwise authorized to dredge waterways or  
22      properly dispose of dredged material to dredge the waterways  
23      servicing a lagoon community may finance the dredging or disposal  
24      by levying a special assessment on the property owners in the  
25      municipality that the municipality determines benefit from the  
26      dredging, or by issuing bonds for the capital improvement that the  
27      dredging represents, as otherwise provided in chapter 56 of Title 40  
28      of the Revised Statutes.  For the purposes of this section, "lagoon  
29      community" means any residential development in a coastal  
30      municipality where the waterways function as streets and provide  
31      access to, from, and throughout the development via boat.

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33      3.   This act shall take effect immediately.

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#### STATEMENT

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38       This bill authorizes a municipality in which a lagoon community  
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40       dredged, and the dredged material properly disposed of, for the  
41       purpose of maintaining transportation by boat into, out of, and  
42       throughout the lagoon community.  The bill further authorizes the  
43       municipality to finance the dredging and disposal through the levy  
44       of a special assessment on any property owners that the  
45       municipality determines to benefit from the dredging, or by issuing  
46       bonds for the dredging as a capital improvement.  "Lagoon  
47       community" is defined in the bill as any residential development in

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- 2 provide access to, from and throughout the development via boat.